Dear Representative Clemente,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the critical issue of the importance of the State's largest airport – Detroit Metro.

Infrastructure is one of the basic building blocks of good economic development. Whether it's roads and highways; power; water & sewer systems or airports, without that infrastructure, no growth can take place.

Detroit Metro is absolutely crucial in this globalized business environment. Michigan has one of the highest ratios of foreign direct investment in the United States. In addition, we have many Michigan based companies that are global and are continuing to position themselves for growth, particularly in markets overseas.

This would not be possible without a superb airport with a global reach. It is critical to the economic development for the entire State.

I applaud your efforts to bring attention to one of the most vital issue.

Best regards,

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